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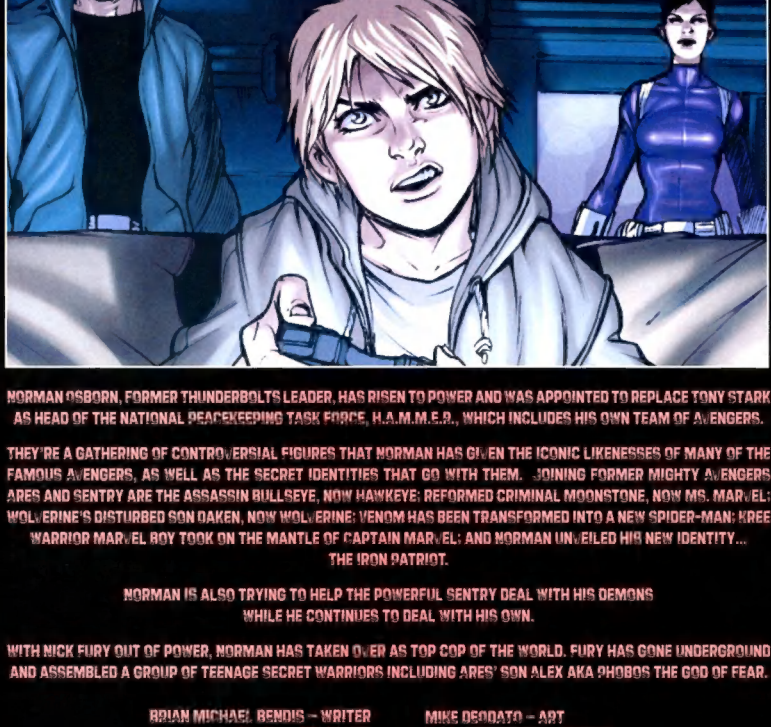

NORMAN OSBORN, FORMER THUNDERBOLTS LEADER, HAS RISEN TO POWER AND WAS APPOINTED TO REPLACE TONY STARK AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, H.A.M.M.E.R., WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

THEY'RE A GATHERING OF CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES THAT NORMAN HAS GIVEN THE ICONIC LIKENESSES OF MANY OF THE FAMOUS AVENGERS, AS WELL AS THE SECRET IDENTITIES THAT GO WITH THEM. JOINING FORMER MIGHTY AVENGERS ARES AND SENTRY ARE THE ASSASSIN BULLSEYE, NOW HAWKEYE; REFORMED CRIMINAL MOONSTONE, NOW MS. MARVEL; WOLVERINE'S DISTURBED SON OAKEN, NOW WOLVERINE; VENOM HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A NEW SPIDER-MAN; KREE WARRIOR MARVEL BOY TOOK ON THE MANTLE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL; AND NORMAN UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY... THE IRON PATRIOT.

NORMAN IS ALSO TRYING TO HELP THE POWERFUL SENTRY DEAL WITH HIS DEMONS WHILE HE CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN.

WITH NICK FURY OUT OF POWER, NORMAN HAS TAKEN OVER AS TOP COP OF THE WORLD. FURY HAS GONE UNDERGROUND AND ASSEMBLED A GROUP OF TEENAGE SECRET WARRIORS INCLUDING ARES' SON ALEX AKA PHOBOS THE GOD OF FEAR.

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THE BRONX.
ALEXANDER!
BOY!
TIME FOR SCHOOL.

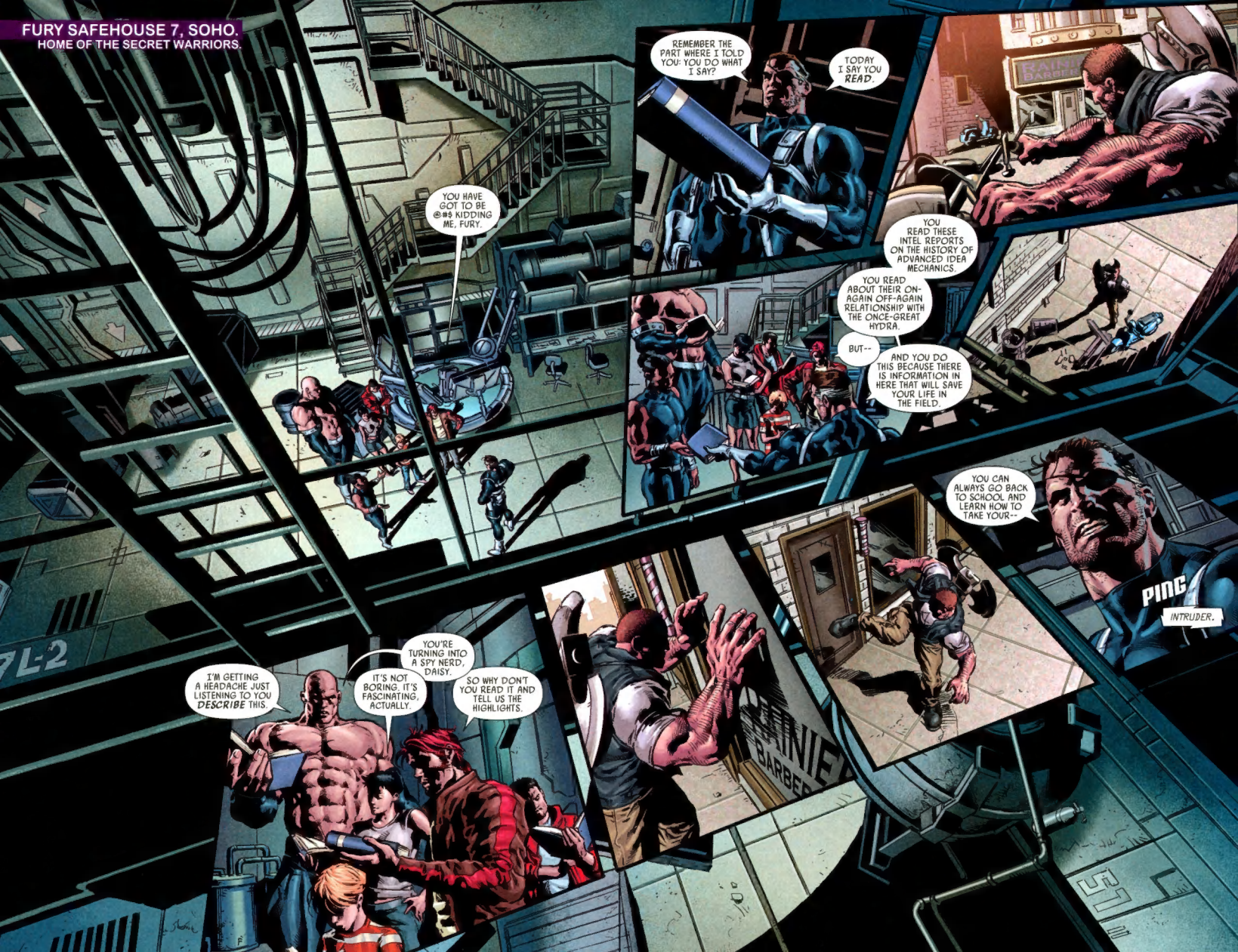
WE ARE STILL SIFTING THROUGH THE STARTLING EVENTS OF THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, BUT HERE'S WHAT WE DO KNOW...
...NORMAN OSBORN AND HIS TEAM OF AVENGERS HAVE DRAWN A HARD LINE IN THE SAND IN REGARDS TO MUTANT RIGHTS--
NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL HAS PUT HIS OR HER FOOT DOWN ON THE MUTANT DILEMMA AS STRONGLY AS OSBORN...
...AND WE WILL SEE WHAT THE LONG-TERM FALLOUT IS.
WHAT?
I--I SAW YOU. YOU WERE THERE. ON TV.
AYE. THE AVENGERS WERE CALLED.
WE BESTED THEM IN BATTLE.
ASK YOUR QUESTION, BOY.
WAS--WAS IT THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
THIS THING WITH THE MUTANTS?
YES.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

HEY, KIDDO.
HEY, DAISY.

YOU OKAY?
TIRED.
SHALL WE DANCE?
WHERE WE GOIN'?
NEW CLUBHOUSE. HOLD TIGHT.
ANOTHER NEW ONE?

IT'S THE GAME WE'RE PLAYIN'.

DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO?
YEAH.
THAT @#$% DRIVES ME NUTS.
ARE WE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
DUNNO.
WE'LL SEE.


FURY SAFEHOUSE 7, SOHO.
HOME OF THE SECRET WARRIORS.
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE @#$ KIDDING ME, FURY.
REMEMBER THE PART WHERE I TOLD YOU: YOU DO WHAT I SAY?
TODAY I SAY YOU READ.
YOU READ THESE INTEL REPORTS ON THE HISTORY OF ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS.
YOU READ ABOUT THEIR ON-AGAIN OFF-AGAIN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ONCE-GREAT HYDRA.
BUT--
AND YOU DO THIS BECAUSE THERE IS INFORMATION IN HERE THAT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE IN THE FIELD.
YOU CAN ALWAYS GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND LEARN HOW TO TAKE YOUR--
PING
INTRUDER.
I'M GETTING A HEADACHE JUST LISTENING TO YOU DESCRIBE THIS.
YOU'RE TURNING INTO A SPY NERD, DAISY.
IT'S NOT BORING, IT'S FASCINATING, ACTUALLY.
SO WHY DON'T YOU READ IT AND TELL US THE HIGHLIGHTS.

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SON OF A BITCH.
WHO IS THAT?
THE KID'S FATHER.
OH @#$%. AND BY KID'S FATHER YOU MEAN...
OH NO.
WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT AN AXE?
IT'S NOT JUST AN AXE. IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY ZEUS.
NO @#$%.
HOLD ON TO YOUR BUTTS.
ARES. THE @#$% GOD OF WAR?
HE MUST HAVE FOLLOWED US.
YA THINK?
I--I DIDN'T SEE HIM.
HOW COULD YOU MISS THAT GUY!?? THAT ENTIRE GUY??
OH MAN...

WELL, HOLY HELL!
HELLFIRE, DON'T--!
SKOWACK
SMACK
YEAH... THAT MEANS STAND DOWN.

KIDS. GO IN OTHER ROOM. GROWN-UP TALK.
ALL OF YOU.
WHY MY SON? WHY HIM?
HE'S AN AMAZING KID. WITH AMAZING POWERS.
IN THE SHORT TIME I'VE KNOWN HIM, YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT HE'S ACCOMPLISHED.
BUT HE NEEDS TRAINING. SO I CAME TO HIM.
THE POTENTIAL FOR HIM...IT'S--I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT.
I-- I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RAISE HIM.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK TO [redacted].
I DON'T KNOW--WHAT TO TALK ABOUT.
MY FATHER, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM--THAT IS WHAT I KNOW.
I WANT HIM--I WANT HIM TO SEE THIS WORLD DIFFERENTLY THAN I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO SEE IT.
[redacted] FATHER--I HAD TO FLEE HIS COURT TO FIND MY WAY.
I DON'T WANT THE BOY TO RUN FROM ME SO HE CAN FIND HIS.
BUT I CAN SEE--IF I TAKE HIM FROM YOU NOW-- I KNOW HE WILL.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

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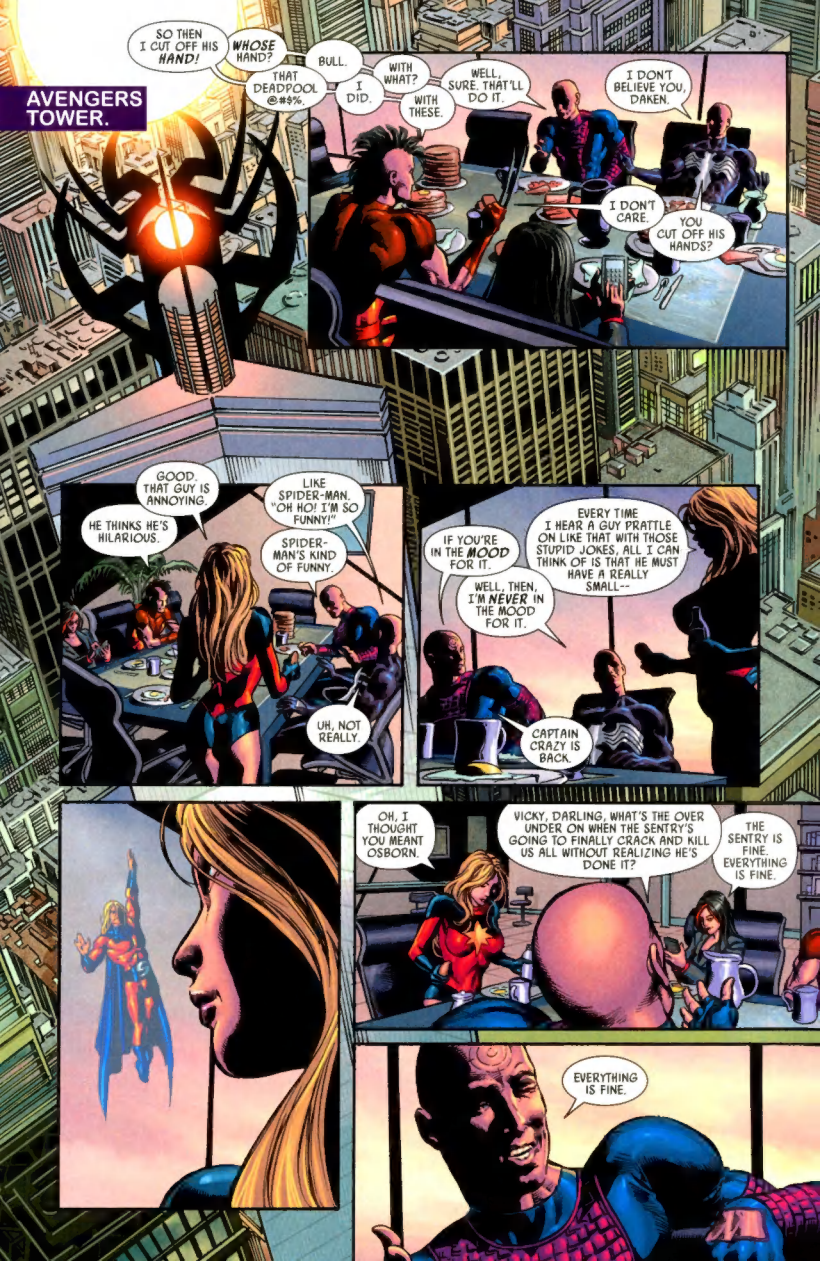
AVENGERS TOWER.
SO THEN I CUT OFF HIS HAND!
WHOSE HAND?
THAT DEADPOOL @#$%.
BULL.
I DID.
WITH WHAT?
WITH THESE.
WELL, SURE. THAT'LL DO IT.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, DAKEN.
I DON'T CARE.
YOU CUT OFF HIS HANDS?
GOOD. THAT GUY IS ANNOYING.
HE THINKS HE'S HILARIOUS.
LIKE SPIDER-MAN, "OH HO! I'M SO FUNNY!"
SPIDER-MAN'S KIND OF FUNNY.
UH, NOT REALLY.
EVERY TIME I HEAR A GUY PRATTLE ON LIKE THAT WITH THOSE STUPID JOKES, ALL I CAN THINK OF IS THAT HE MUST HAVE A REALLY SMALL--
IF YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR IT.
WELL, THEN, I'M NEVER IN THE MOOD FOR IT.
CAPTAIN CRAZY IS BACK.
OH, I THOUGHT YOU MEANT OSBORN.
VICKY, DARLING, WHAT'S THE OVER UNDER ON WHEN THE SENTRY'S GOING TO FINALLY CRACK AND KILL US ALL WITHOUT REALIZING HE'S DONE IT?
THE SENTRY IS FINE. EVERYTHING IS FINE.
EVERYTHING IS FINE.

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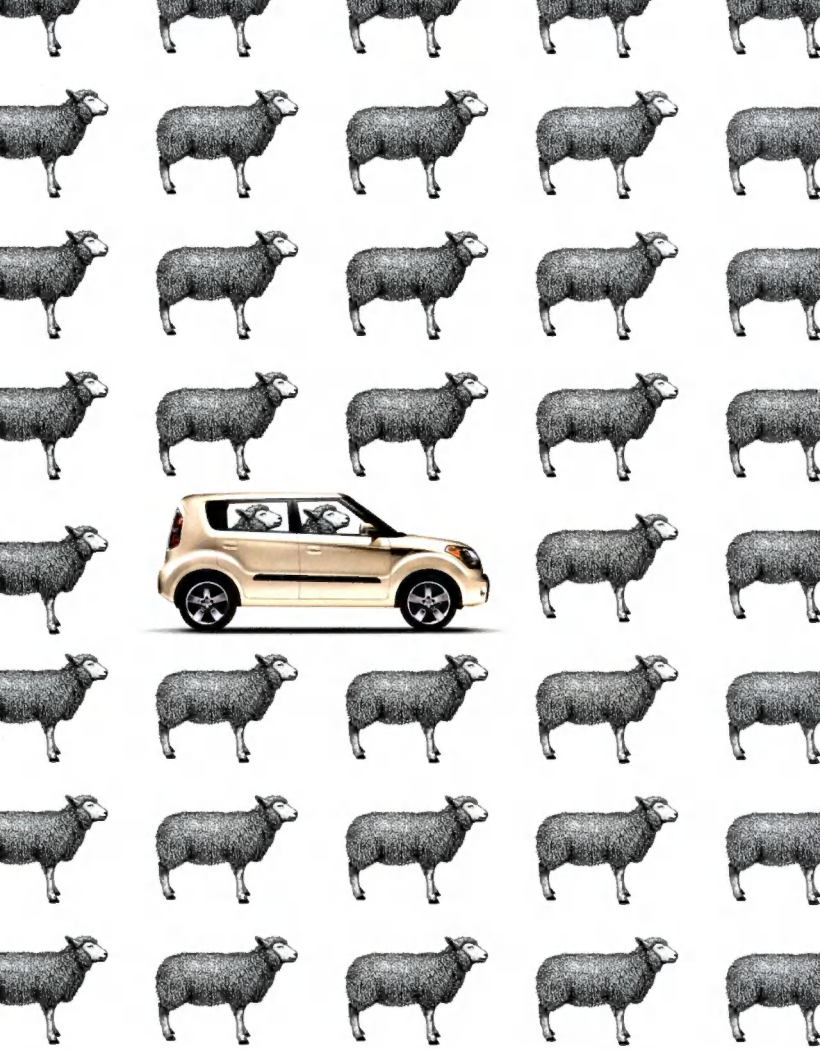

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